5D

Grammar

Modals in the past

I can use past modals correctly.

1 Circle the correct modals to complete the sentences.

1 She **can't have** / **might have** / **must have** left her phone at school. Or perhaps she left it on the bus.
2 There's no pizza left. They **can't have** / **could have** / **must have** eaten it all.
3 Juliet **can't have** / **may have** / **must have** gone on holiday. She was at school yesterday!
4 I didn't get your email. Do you think you **can't have** / **could have** / **must have** sent it to my old email address?
5 Your smartwatch probably isn't broken. It **can't have** / **could have** / **must have** run out of charge.
6 The school show is on YouTube. Our teacher **can't have** / **might have** / **must have** uploaded it.
7 You went 130 km in less than an hour? You **can't have** / **could have** / **must have** driven very fast!
8 Max isn't replying to my texts. He **can't have** / **might have** / **must have** taken his phone with him.

2 Complete the sentences with *must have* or *can't have* and the verb in brackets.

1 Jack is usually here by now. He _____ (miss) his bus.
2 Madison didn't know about the party. She _____ (get) your email.
3 Sam _____ (take) his phone with him; he isn't answering my text messages.
4 There's no bread. We _____ (eat) it all at breakfast.
5 They've left school already. Their lessons _____ (finish) early today.
6 He _____ (injure) his leg really badly. He cycled home!

3 Write the correct reply (a–f) after sentences 1–6. Use *should / shouldn't have* and the past participle form of the verb in brackets.

1 'My camcorder screen is damaged.'
'_____'
2 'I think we're driving in the wrong direction.'
'_____'
3 'I've spent a fortune on my phone this month!'
'_____'
4 'My email account has been hacked again.'
'_____'
5 'Mason is really angry with me.'
'_____'
6 'My tablet is completely dead.'
'_____'

a We (bring) the satnav.
b You (choose) a better password.
c You (charge) it overnight.
d You (drop) it on the pavement.
e You (make) those comments on Twitter.
f You (call) your friend when you were abroad.

4 Complete the dialogue with the modals below. You can use the same modal more than once.

can't have may / might / could have
might not have must have

Erica What's the matter, Jack? You look worried.
Jack I can't find my phone. I [1]_____ left it somewhere.
Erica Did you have it on the bus?
Jack Yes, I did. But I [2]_____ left it there because I used it just after I got off. I sent you a text.
Erica You [3]_____ dropped it when you were walking here from the bus stop.
Jack Yes, that's possible. I was listening to my MP3 player.
Erica Somebody [4]_____ found it by now and handed it in to the police.
Jack Or they [5]_____ handed it in. They [6]_____ kept it.
Erica Shall I phone the police station and ask?
Jack Yes, OK. But why don't you call my phone number first?
Erica OK, I will. I can hear your phone ringing.
Jack Me too. I [7]_____ dropped it in the street.
Erica No. You [8]_____ put it down somewhere in the house.
Jack That's a relief! But where is it?

5 Write replies for the sentences. Use the words in brackets.

1 'My back is really painful.' (might have)
_____
2 'Ellie has got a really expensive new phone.' (must have)
_____
3 'I failed my science exam.' (can't have)
_____
4 'I've deleted all my photos by mistake.' (should have)
_____
5 'Anna left a rude message on my Facebook page.' (might not have)
_____
6 'I haven't got enough money for my bus ticket.' (shouldn't have)
_____
7 'It took Ben two hours to get home from school.' (must have)
_____
8 'I was hungry all morning at school.' (can't have)
_____
9 'Molly seemed really disappointed with her exam result.' (might have)
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